

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2873–S2917*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 544–554, S. Res. 69–71, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Page S2909–10**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence for the 110th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 111–6) **Page S2909**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Reading Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 69, designating March 2009 as “National Reading Month” and authorizing the collection of non-monetary book donations in Senate office buildings during the period beginning March 9, 2009 and ending March 27, 2009 from Senators and officers and employees of the Senate to assist elementary school students in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. **Page S2874**

**Relative to Robert Levinson:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 4, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise the case of Robert Levinson with officials of the Government of Iran at every level and opportunity, and urging officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson and to share information on the investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2915–16**

**Congratulating Sailors:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 10, congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 1,000 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols. **Pages S2916–17**

#### Measures Considered:

**Omnibus Appropriations Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2874–S2903**

#### Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 86) McCain Amendment No. 593, to prohibit the use of certain funds provided in the bill. **Pages S2874, S2895–98, S2900**

By 34 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 87) Kyl Amendment No. 630, to require a report on counter-smuggling efforts in Gaza. **Pages S2874, S2889, S2890–92, S2900–01**

By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 88) Kyl Amendment No. 631, to require the Secretary of State to certify that funds made available for reconstruction efforts in Gaza will not be diverted to Hamas or entities controlled by Hamas. **Pages S2874–81, S2892–95, S2901**

By 42 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 89) Enzi Amendment No. 668, to prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS funding formulas. **Pages S2883, S2899–S2900, S2901–02**

Barrasso (and Enzi) Amendment No. 637, to remove the new application fee for a permit to drill. **Page S2902**

#### Pending:

Ensign Amendment No. 615, to strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program. **Pages S2874, S2878–83**

Kyl Amendment No. 629, to provide that no funds may be used to resettle Palestinians from Gaza into the United States. **Pages S2874, S2889**

Bunning Amendment No. 665, to require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran. **Page S2895**

Sessions Amendment No. 604, to extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years. **Pages S2898–99**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing the remaining amendments be considered and debated and that after all debate time has been concluded on the remaining amendments, Senate vote in relation to the amendments in a sequence established under a subsequent order; that there be two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to a vote in relation